

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2005.
Reexamination in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 19 and 49 are currently pending in this application, with claims 19 and 49 being independent.

No new matter has been added.

Priority

It is noted with appreciation that the Office Action has acknowledged receipt of the claim for foreign priority and the certified document supporting that claim. Regarding the claim for domestic priority, the specification has been amended as requested.

Specification

In response to the objection to the specification, the specification has been amended in the manner requested by the Examiner. Appreciation is expressed for the Examiner's suggestions.

Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Claim objection

In response to the objection to the claims, the claims have been amended in the manner requested by the Examiner. Appreciation is expressed for the Examiner's suggestions.

In addition, claims 20-21 and 50-51 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter.

Withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

Allowable subject matter

Appreciation is expressed for the indication that claims 19, 21, 22, 49, 51 and 52 contain allowable subject matter. The Office Action indicates that *an apparatus or method wherein the light-guiding section is tinted black at an outer surface* is not found within the prior art.

Accordingly, amended claim 19 is drawn to an image-reproducing apparatus for reproducing an image from a hologram or a holographic stereogram, in which are recorded either 2-dimensional image data or 3-dimensional image data, wherein:

an optical member having parallel prisms on a part of a front surface is bonded at the rear surface to the hologram or holographic stereogram, and illumination light is applied to the parallel prisms, in order to reproduce a 2- or 3-dimensional image from the hologram or holographic stereogram,

the illumination light is applied to incident surfaces of the parallel prisms at a fixed incidence angle,

the optical member has a light-guiding section for guiding the illumination light from the parallel prisms, while reflecting the illumination light, and

the light-guiding section is tinted black at least at a part of an outer surface.

Moreover, amended claim 49 is drawn to an image-reproducing method of for reproducing an image from a hologram or a holographic stereogram, in which are recorded either 2-dimensional image data or 3-dimensional image data, wherein:

an optical member having parallel prisms on a part of a front surface is bonded at the rear surface to the hologram or holographic stereogram, and illumination light is applied to the parallel prisms, thereby reproducing a 2- or 3-dimensional image from the hologram or holographic stereogram,

the illumination light is applied to incident surfaces of the parallel prisms at a fixed incidence angle,

the optical member has a light-guiding section for guiding the illumination light from the parallel prisms, while reflecting the illumination light, and

the light-guiding section is tinted black at least at a part of an outer surface.

Allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103

These rejections are traversed at least for the following reasons.

While not conceding the propriety of these rejections, and in order to further the prosecution of the application, claims 17-18, 20-22, 47-48 and 50-52 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of their underlying subject matter rendering the rejection moot as to these claims.

Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, all the claims now pending in the present application are allowable, and the present application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reexamination and reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and remarks is courteously solicited.

If the Examiner has any comments or suggestions that could place this application in even better form, the Examiner is requested to telephone Brian K. Dutton, Reg. No. 47,255, at 202-955-8753 or the undersigned attorney at the below-listed number.

If any fee is required or any overpayment made, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee or credit the overpayment to Deposit Account # 18-0013.

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